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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Phu K. Nguyen

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 March 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 31 and 32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 31-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by FLORA et al. (6,714,215).

As per claim 31, Flora teaches the claimed “system for transferring thematic maps over the Internet between a server and a client” comprising:

“means for creating a thematic map of a geographic area” (Flora, the geographic map of the globe 46) with “an icon” (Flora, the icon 59) displayed thereon “representing a link to a location on the Internet from which a video clip containing information relating to the area can be downloaded” (Flora, column 7, lines 43-48);

“means for transferring data for the map from the server to the client” (Flora, column 8, lines 22-28; the media data is transferred through the available hyperlinks);

“means utilizing the data for displaying the map with the icon” (Flora, column 7, lines 56-65; the media data is utilized for displaying); and

“means for downloading and playing the video clip upon selection of the icon” (Flora, column 8, lines 24-38; the media data is utilized for displaying).

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As per claim 32, Flora teaches the claimed "method of transferring thematic maps over the Internet between a server and a client" comprising the steps of:

"creating a thematic map of a geographic area" (Flora, the geographic map of the globe 46) with "an icon" (Flora, the icon 59) displayed thereon "representing a link to a location on the Internet from which a video clip containing information relating to the area can be downloaded" (Flora, column 7, lines 43-48);

"downloading data for the map from the server to the client" (Flora, column 8, lines 22-28; the media data is transferred through the available hyperlinks);

"displaying the map with the icon and utilizing the data that has been downloaded" (Flora, column 7, lines 56-65; the media data is utilized for displaying); and

"downloading and playing the video clip upon selection of the icon" (Flora, column 8, lines 24-38; the media data is utilized for displaying).

Claims 1-30 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

In claim 1 and its dependent claims 2-6, the allowable features are:

In a system for transferring thematic information over the Internet between a server and a client: a source of vector graphics for different themes',
means for importing the vector graphics into the frames of an animation movie;

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means controlled by the client for selectively overlaying the frames to display different themes.

Claims 7 and its dependent claims 8-12 claim a method based on the system of claims 1-6, respectively.

In claim 13 and its dependent claims 14-18, the allowable features are:

In a system for transferring thematic information over the Internet between a server and a client: a source of vector graphics for different themes; means for importing the vector graphics into an animation movie comprising a menu and a plurality of overlays; means for downloading data files for the overlays from the server to the client in a predetermined order; means for interrupting the download if the client selects a topic for which the data file has not yet been downloaded and immediately starting to download the data file for the selected topic.

Claims 19 and its dependent claims 20-24 claim a method based on the system of claims 13-18.

In claim 25 and its dependent claims 26-27, the allowable features are:

In a system for transferring thematic maps over the Internet between a server and a client: a source of thematic maps in a vector format including an outline of a region and areas of different colors within the outline;
means for importing the outline into one frame of an animation movie;

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means for preparing a color-coded frame by drawing a polygon around one of the maps, drawing a straight line between each color transition along the outline and the polygon, erasing the outline and the straight lines, and filling in the areas between the straight lines with the colors from the areas of the map between those lines; and
means for displaying the color-coded frame in a layer beneath a layer containing the outline, with the layer containing the outline masking of the colored areas outside the outline so that the map is displayed as comprising the areas of different colors in the shape of the region.

Claims 28 and its dependent claims 29-30 claim a method based on the system of claims 26-27, respectively.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because its has more than one single paragraph. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology

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often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.


The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phu K. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272 7645. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, bipin Shalwala can be reached on (571) 272 7681. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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